REMARKS

Claims 2-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action Figure 1 was objected to for not being designated --Prior Art-- and Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kleppner et al. (6,305,417). Claims 2-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

A set of replacement drawings is submitted herewith including an amended Figure 1 labeled as --Prior Art--.
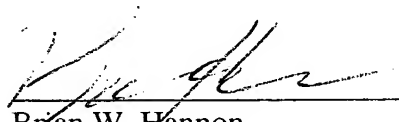
Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1 and Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application. Since only allowed claims remain in the application, it is respectfully requested that Claims 2-8 inclusive be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith is a replacement set of drawings with Figure 1 amended and labeled as prior art.

Attachment: 5 Replacement Sheets